

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Saunders

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to recognize the East/West All Star Games.

Whereas, The Indiana East/West All Star Basketball Games allow 170 of Indiana's top male and female high school basketball athletes to compete in all four classes: 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A;

Whereas, The All Star Games highlight these talented young athletes whose skills, teamwork and positive attitudes demonstrate what Hoosier Hysteria is all about;

Whereas, The games were founded by retired high school and college coach Mike Walker, a graduate of Crawfordsville High School and a first team All-State member of the 1958 State Championship Runner-up basketball team, who went on to receive his bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from Ball State University;

Whereas, Mike Walker and his wife Linda, believe strongly



that every child deserves the opportunity to go to college;

Whereas, The Walkers, along with their friends Al Harden and Dick Haslam, wanted to create a forum to honor all four classes of basketball and to help spotlight to college scouts and recruiters those young men and women who may be “under the radar”;

Whereas, The first East/West All Star Basketball Games were held at the famous Anderson WigWam in the summer of 2005, with the 2006 and 2007 games held at the New Castle Fieldhouse, the largest high school gym in the world;

Whereas, Kent Benson serves as chair of the basketball games committee;

Whereas, The fourth annual East/West All Star Basketball Games will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2008;

Whereas, The games are produced by www.PostYourT.org, with the “T” standing for “Talent”, a website created by the Walkers to help Indiana athletes get into college. PostYourT (PYT) is a site on which coaches from small colleges in the Midwest can access information about student athletes as well as the All Star Games;

Whereas, The president of the PYT Advisory Board is Pastor John Neuhart of Avon, and this year, PYT is also starting class All Star Games for both male and female athletes in the sports of golf, baseball and softball: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes the East/West All Star Games as a positive event to celebrate the talents of high school athletes from all around the Hoosier state and wishes the organizers of the event many years of continued success.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Mike and Linda Walker and to the East/West All Star Games organization.

